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Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

June 2014

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PRA meeting - June 2014

June was the first meeting of the new management committee voted in at last month's AGM. We welcomed Andy Manning to the Committee and we covered a number of topics, including:

- ➔ Sales of the history book 'Pauatahanui, A Local History', continue at a steady pace. There will be a special sales table at **Whitby Mall on Saturday 30 August**, just in time for Father's Day on 7 September. Your purchase from the Mall will support the PRA's local history activities and raise money for the Scots College history trip to Gallipoli in 2015. The book can also be purchased anytime from Pataka Gallery, Paper Plus (Porirua and Lower Hutt), P&Z Porirua Resene, Unity Bookshop Wellington and online at: www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz
- ➔ The Porirua City Council (PCC) has advised submitters on the resource consent application to extend **GroundUp Café**, that after seeking legal advice Council has been advised that it would be best to delay the independent hearing until after the High Court decision between the owner of the site and the owners of the Pauatahanui General Store has been released.
- ➔ The project to improve the safety of the **Te Ara Piko/Whitby Walkway link (Lighthouse car park)** will commence shortly, with the impacts of the works being discussed with those most affected.

Refer to <http://pcc.govt.nz/Community/Community-Projects/Village-Planning-Programme/Pauatahanui#arapiko> for more details.

- ➔ The **2014/15 Village Planning programme** projects will include a history trail, bus shelter for the school and consideration of a welcome to Pauatahanui sign.
 - ➔ An **electronic survey** will be sent out to residents to seek feedback on the 20 May AGM and ask for ideas to support the Committee's 2014/15 work programme.
- For more information please refer to the PRA website www.pauatahanui.org.nz for a copy of the minutes.

The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 15 July 2014

Yard Maps -

Technology for the birds!



Wouldn't it be great to have a bird's eye view of our area and see how our property contributes to the whole ecosystem around us? Scenic reserves are fantastic but when private properties take up 90 % of the area, creating a simple bird corridor becomes almost impossible. With so many birds on the endangered and critical list, we can no longer expect "someone else" to "do something".

It was exciting to read on <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/05/140502130118.htm> that Cornell University in New York has launched a website that aims at creating larger, connected patches of bird-friendly habitats. <http://content.yardmap.org>



You use Google Maps and their own drop down boxes to map your own property with its vegetation, building areas, bird friendly areas etc. They

collate this information to produce a map of the environment around your section or "yard". Everyone views their property as it really is a part of a bigger ecosystem. The aim is that you are then able to alter and plant your property to provide what is missing in your area. Birds need food, shelter and protection all year round and depend on a variety of species of trees, shrubs and deep humus to provide that. Your garden could become the missing link in the puzzle about where all the birds have gone. <http://content.yardmap.org/> Try it and see... You will be asked to complete a survey so obviously there is a team writing master theses on this innovation. There is no plant or bird list for NZ but I hope that it will be only a matter of time before we can ride on their coat tails and produce one for this area... wouldn't that be great.

Onsite Wastewater Systems Licensing



From 1 April 2011 PCC introduced a system of Certificate of Fitness and licensing for On-site wastewater disposal (or septic tanks), requiring landowners to meet set conditions depending on the type of septic tank or disposal system. Recently PRA has heard some queries regarding how the relicensing is being implemented.

Following discussion at this month's meeting the PRA have decided to write to Council to request a copy of the Council process and protocols for licensing and renewal.



The PRA welcome any further comments residents have on this matter via email to pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com or PO Box 54141, Mana 5247.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Check out the Porirua City Council website (www.pcc.govt.nz) home page for the following consultations and have your say on issues impacting our community:

Item 1: District Plan change 16, Network utilities hearings will be held on 18-19 September 2014.

Item 2: Northern Growth Area Structure Plan public workshop at 7pm, Wednesday 2 July 2014, Plimmerton Boating Club, Moana Road, Plimmerton. All welcome.

Also: We recommend you checkout the Guardians of the Pauatahanui Inlet website www.gopi.org.nz - the **Cockle count** results are now on the website.



Our local Volunteer Fire Brigade are enquiring about any old farm house/building that anyone would be willing to donate for a house fire training exercise. This involves burning the building to the ground on the property. It would be a real experience for the firefighters to observe the fire behaviour/process. If you are willing to donate an old farm building/house please send an email to kurt.walsh@fire.org.nz

Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc MEMBERSHIP FORM - 1 April 20014 to 31 March 2015

Registered Charity # CC42516

This form is also available on the PRA website www.pauatahanuiresidents.org.nz

Name:

Email:

Postal address:

Phone No. (Day)

Phone No. (Evening):

Signed:

Dated:

I agree to these contact details being kept on the PR community database and used only in communication about local and association issues.

Membership fee of \$20 per household enclosed. Please make cheques payable to **Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc.** and forward to: Diane Strugnell, PRA Treasurer, 805 Moonshine Road, RD1, Porirua, 5381.

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A copy of the Pauatahanui Resident Association Rules and Constitution can be requested from the Committee Secretary at pauatahanui@gmail.com.